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2014 SOUTH DAKOTA PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

SIOUX FALLS, SD, March 31, 2014 - **Corn** growers in South Dakota intend to plant 5.80 million acres, down 6 percent from 2013, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Soybean acres planted are expected to be a record high 4.80 million acres, up 4 percent from last year.

All hay acreage to be harvested is estimated at 3.00 million acres, down 2 percent from 2013.

Winter wheat acres seeded last fall totaled 1.20 million acres, down 8 percent from a year earlier. **Other spring wheat** planting intentions are 1.10 million acres, down 8 percent from last year. **Durum wheat** seeding intentions, at 3,000 acres are down 1,000 acres from 2013.

Sunflower planted acreage is expected to total 540,000 acres, down 20 percent from last year. **Oil sunflower** will account for 440,000 acres, down 21 percent from 2013. **Non-oil sunflower** will account for 100,000 acres, down 13 percent from a year ago.

Oat acres to be seeded, estimated at 255,000 acres, are down 2 percent from last year

Sorghum planted acreage is expected to total 230,000 acres, down 32 percent from 2013.

Barley planting intentions, estimated at 30,000 acres, are down 4,000 acres from last year.

Dry edible bean planting intentions, estimated at 9,000 acres, are down 3,000 acres from 2013.

Flaxseed planted acreage is expected to total 4,000 acres, down 3,000 acres from a year ago.

Estimates in this report are based on a survey conducted during the first two weeks of March.

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<http://usda01.library.cornell.edu/usda/nass/ProsPlan//2010s/2014/ProsPlan-03-31-2014.pdf>

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